

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Claim 5 has been amended herein to include the features of dependent claims 6 and 7 (claim 7 has been indicated as including allowable subject matter). Claims 6 and 7 are now cancelled. Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 5. Claims 9 and 15-19 are now cancelled. Claim 20 is new and is a combination of previous claims 5, 6 and 9 (claim 9 was indicated as including allowable subject matter). Claims 21-25 are new, depending from claim 20, and correspond generally to dependent claims 10-14.

Consideration of new claims 20-25 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2003/0183645 to Shin in view of U.S. 5,020,725 to Waldrum.

Claim 5 has been amended herein to include the features of dependent claims 6 and 7 (claim 7 has been indicated as including allowable subject matter). Claims 10, 12 and 13 depend from amended claim 5. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 10, 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2003/0183645 to Shin in view of U.S. 5,020,725 to Waldrum and U.S. 4,480,764 to Takagi. Claim 14 depends from claim 5 which is believed to

be allowable for the reasons stated above.

Claims 20-25 include at least the feature of previous claim 9 which was indicated as including allowable and thus are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NIS-16741.

Respectfully submitted,

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